



The Great Gatsby

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While reading

Chapter 1

1 Answer the questions about these sentences from the chapter.

- a *So I decided to go East and learn the bond business.*
What does Nick mean by East?
.....
- b *I intended to find rooms in New York City.*
What does the word *intended* tell you about this plan?
.....
- c *This time they were going to stay ... but I didn't believe it.*
Why not?
.....
- d *All the cars have one wheel painted black.*
Is this true? Why does Nick say it?
.....
- e *You will hear of them.*
Why does Nick say this?
.....
- f *I'm in training.*
What is Miss Baker in training for?
.....

Chapter 2

2 Write the names from the box in the right places.

Catherine	Doctor Eckleburg	George
Myrtle	Nick	Tom the McKees

- a Who is painted on a big board beside the road?
.....
- b Who owns the garage?
.....
- c Who goes to New York City?
.....
- d Who does Mrs Wilson invite to the apartment?
.....
- e Who tells Nick about her first meeting with Tom?
.....
- f Who hits Myrtle?
.....

Chapter 3

3 Choose the sentences (1–6) to support these statements.

- a Gatsby's parties made a lot of mess.
- b The food for the parties was not prepared in Gatsby's house.
- c Single men often stood by the drinks table at Gatsby's parties.
- d Many rich people at the time had shelves with fake books on them.
- e Nick fought in France during the Great War.
- f Jordan was a bad driver.
 - 1) 'I thought they were just for show – but they're *real*!'
 - 2) It was the only place where a single man could stand around without looking out-of-place.
 - 3) On Mondays, eight servants worked all day to clear up.
 - 4) She drove too close to some workmen on the road.
 - 5) We talked for a moment about some grey little villages in France.
 - 6) Wonderful food arrived with lots of waiters to serve it.

Chapter 4

4 Find evidence in this chapter which suggests these statements.

- a Gatsby may be telling the truth about his past.
.....
- b Gatsby has powerful friends.
.....
- c Meyer Wolfsheim is a criminal.
.....
- d Gatsby didn't want to talk with Tom Buchanan.
.....
- e Daisy didn't get on with her parents.
.....
- f Daisy got over the soldier quite quickly, or perhaps, didn't get over him at all.
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Chapter 5

5 Find the response to each sentence from this chapter. Write 1–7.

- a 'What day would suit you?'
- b 'You're selling bonds aren't you, old sport?'



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- c 'Nobody's coming to tea. It's too late.'
- d 'We've met before.'
- e 'This is a terrible mistake.'
- f 'It took me just three years to earn the money that bought it.'
- g 'Who's that?'
- 1) 'Don't be silly; it's just two minutes to four.'
- 2) 'I thought you were left your money by your father.'
- 3) 'That? That's Dan Cody, old sport.'
- 4) 'Trying to.'
- 5) 'We haven't met for many years.'
- 6) 'What day would suit *you*?'
- 7) 'You're just embarrassed, that's all.'

Chapter 6

- 6 Put these events in order relating to Gatsby's relationship with Dan Cody, 1-7.
- a ☐ Cody gave Gatsby a job on his boat.
 - b ☐ Cody left Gatsby \$25,000 when he died.
 - c ☐ Ella Kay came on board the boat in Boston.
 - d ☐ Gatsby sailed three times around America with Cody.
 - e ☐ He saw Dan Cody's boat on Lake Superior.
 - f ☐ Ella Kay managed to take all the money, including Gatsby's.
 - g ☐ He told Dan Cody that his name was Jay Gatsby.

Chapter 7

- 7 Who says each of these things? Explain the words in *italics*:
- a 'I hadn't seen *him* around and I was rather worried.'
Who:
Him:
 - b '*He's* not really speaking into the telephone.'
Who:
He:
 - c '*Her* voice is full of money.'
Who:
Her:
 - d 'I've found out some things about *this man*.'
Who:
This man:

- e '*You* sounded well enough on the phone.'
Who:
You:

Chapter 8

- 8 Complete these sentences with one suitable word in each space.
- a The main to the accident was Michaelis.
 - b Tom stopped his car when he realised there had been a
 - c Tom found out that Myrtle had been by a big yellow car.
 - d Tom told Wilson that he wasn't the yellow car.
 - e Gatsby asked Nick about the accident but didn't seem to care about the of the woman.
 - f Nick realised that Daisy was driving the

Chapter 9

- 9 This chapter moves around a lot in time and place. Put these headings in the order of the story, 1-7.
- a Afternoon: Gatsby's house ☐
 - b 4 a.m.: Gatsby's house ☐
 - c Lunchtime: New York City ☐
 - d Morning: Gatsby's house ☐
 - e Early evening: Gatsby's house ☐
 - f Night time in Wilson's garage ☐
 - g Wilson's movements ☐

Chapter 10

- 10 Answer these questions.
- a Why didn't the story of Myrtle's affair come out?
.....
 - b Why did Nick become responsible for handling enquiries about Gatsby?
.....
 - c Why did Nick feel uncomfortable about Mr Gatz's hopes for his son?
.....
 - d Why did Nick hang up on Klipspringer in disgust?
.....



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1 Match the name with the description or action. You can choose more than one.

- a Nick
- b Jay Gatsby
- c Daisy
- d Tom
- e Jordan
- f Myrtle
- g George
 - 1) This person lives in East Egg.
 - 2) This person is from Louisville.
 - 3) This person lives in West Egg.
 - 4) This person is a professional golf player.
 - 5) This person lives between West Egg and New York.
 - 6) This person has fought in World War I.
 - 7) This person dies in the story.

2 Which word from the box best describes each character?

clever	dishonest	honest	innocent
jealous	miserable	selfish	scornful

- a Tom Buchanan
- b Daisy Buchanan
- c Jordan Baker
- d Nick Carraway
- e Jay Gatsby
- f Myrtle Wilson
- g George Wilson
- h Meyer Wolfsheim

3 Put these events in order, 1–5.

- a ☐ Gatsby met Dan Cody.
- b ☐ Gatsby met Meyer Wolfsheim.
- c ☐ Gatsby met Daisy.
- d ☐ Gatsby met Nick.
- e ☐ Gatsby went to the war.

4 Who says these?

- a 'I'm glad it's a girl. And I hope she'll be a fool – that's the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool.'
- b 'You can't live for ever.'
- c 'You ought to drive more carefully.'
- d 'I hate careless people. That's why I like you.'
- e 'Can't repeat the past? Why of course you can!'

f 'All this "old sport" business. Where'd you get it from?'

5 Choose the right answer.

- a Why does Nick move to New York?
 - 1) To become a lawyer.
 - 2) To learn about the bond business.
 - 3) To attend medical school.
- b Why does Gatsby throw his weekly parties?
 - 1) To impress Daisy.
 - 2) To hide his illegal activities.
 - 3) To attract women from East Egg.
- c Where does Gatsby recognise Nick from?
 - 1) Nick was in Oxford during the months Gatsby studied there.
 - 2) Nick works at the bond house where Gatsby's stolen securities were taken from.
 - 3) Nick and Gatsby fought in the same battle in World War I.
- d Where is Daisy originally from?
 - 1) Louisville.
 - 2) New York.
 - 3) Chicago.
- e What does Gatsby call Nick?
 - 1) My friend.
 - 2) Old chap.
 - 3) Old sport.
- f What is Gatsby?
 - 1) He is a murderer.
 - 2) He is a German spy.
 - 3) He is a bootlegger.
- g At the end of the story, who does Daisy choose to be with?
 - 1) Gatsby.
 - 2) Tom.
 - 3) Nick.

6 Which one of these sentences is true (T)? Which one is not true (NT)?

- a Nick is from Chicago. ☐
- b Tom has affairs with women. ☐
- c Gatsby has received a diploma from Oxford. ☐
- d Nick marries Jordan Baker. ☐
- e Gatsby tells Tom about his affair with Daisy. ☐
- f Gatsby gets killed in a car accident. ☐
- g Nick doesn't attend Gatsby's funeral. ☐
- h Very few people attend Gatsby's funeral. ☐